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Applicants : Synaptic Pharmaceutical Corporation, et al.

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For : DNA ENCODING SNORF36a AND SNORF36b RECEPTORS

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ATTN: RO/US

Sir:

RENEWED PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.181 AND PETITION FOR
THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

This Petition is submitted in response to the Decision On Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 ("Decision") dated 18 August 2000 which was issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for submitting this renewed petition in response to the Decision issued on 18 August 2000 in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the 18 August 2000 Decision was originally due 18 September 2000.

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Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for responding to the 18 August 2000 Decision in order to forward the originally filed drawing sheet no. 14/35 (Fig. 7A). The required fee for a three-month extension of time under C.F.R. §1.17(a) is EIGHT-HUNDRED NINETY DOLLARS (\$890.00), and a check in this amount is enclosed. Accordingly, a response to the 18 August 2000 Decision is now due 18 December 2000, and this Communication is being timely filed.

The 18 August 2000 Decision, a copy of which is attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, stated that the Communication in Response to June 7, 2000 Invitation to Correct Defects In the International Application, filed on 26 June 2000 and a copy of which is hereto attached as **Exhibit B**, was treated as a Petition Under 37 C.F.R. 1.181 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and was dismissed without prejudice because applicants did not file a copy of sheet no. 14/35 as originally filed.

In response, applicants attach hereto a **Exhibit C** figure sheet no. 14/35 (Fig. 7A) as originally filed with the subject PCT International Application on 3 May 2000.

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No fee, other than the enclosed \$890.00 fee for a three-month extension of time, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Petition. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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